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Editor's Notes —

Again we will try to remind our readers when their subscription expires by marking a red X in a square above. We had fair luck with this in the past, although some seem to ignore it and it takes special notice to remind them. Most of our subscriptions expire with this issue.

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At the present time it looks like there would not be another raise in postal rates, so that the price of "In The Beginning", would remain the same for another year.

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We would like to correct an error that was in the last issue. In the story of the Louis C. Niemann family it was told that Anna Niemann married Otto Link and they had no children. They had four daughters, Loretta, Margaret, Amelia Ann and Clementine.

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With a deadline set for this issue, it seems like we had so many other things to do that it was difficult to really get it started and to get it done. However there were several people whom we asked for help seemed to go out of their way to help us. We deeply regret that one of these persons will not know how much she helped. We are speaking of Mrs. Nora Shepard, who less than a week before her untimely death, brought a school picture to our house, for us to use. In the over 30 years she taught school, Mrs. Shepard kept a record of each year, name and number of the school, date taught and the name and grade of each pupil attending her school.

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In our last issue we featured a picture of Josiah Daniel who built the original log cabin that stands on the Woodson County Museum grounds. The picture hands in the east end of the cabin. This issue we show the west end of the cabin interior. The native stone fireplace. The iron pot hanging on the pot hook is obscured by the smoke blackened stones in the rear of the fireplace.

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It has been the custom of the Woodson County Historical Society to hold a picnic instead of a regular meeting in July. Due to the Woodson House being air conditioned it was decided to hold a regular dinner meeting on July 26th. There were 52 present for the dinner and the program. Elizabeth Linde had charge of the program, and with the help of several who had lived here most of their lives, she prepared a paper and read it. It was about people and businesses around the square of Yates Center from around 1914 till the present. Very interesting.

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The Woodson House formerly known as the old Woodson Hotel has gone through quite a series of changes and face-lefting during the past year. The old lobby, kitchen and the west dining room were all remodeled, as well as several of the rooms for roomers.

The old native stone hotel was built in 1887, and it was great to see this old landmark restored.

The old lobby is used in conjunction with the Daylight Donut Shop. At the north entrance is the door to a beauty salon.

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With this issue, Vol. 10, No. 40, we have passed through ten years of quite a lot of research work of Woodson County, and the people that lived there. Soon after the October issue comes out we will have the 8 issues of the past two years bound into a hard back book. This will make five of these well bound books that contain the ten years of "In The Beginning". These make fine Christmas gifts, as do subscriptions to this quarterly.

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Again it looks like the membership of the Woodson County Historical Society will reach the 250 or more mark for 1977. Almost half of these are Life Members, many living out of the county and state. A paid up membership is quite a boost to the moral of those who spend a lot of their time trying to keep Soceity and Museum going.

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ORA B. TRUSLER FAMILY —

A popular dentist and business man around the square in Yates Center for 53 years was Dr. O. B. Trusler. Dr. Trusler came to Yates Center in 1898, after graduating from Indianapolis, Ind., Dental College.

His first office was upstairs over in the old stone building on the southwest corner of the square, last occupied by the State Exchange Bank. In 1913, he moved to the Stockebrand stone building on east Rutledge. Here Dr. Trusler practiced his profession until his retirement.

Ora B. Trusler was a native of Indiana, being born at Oakland in that state on April 13, 1867. His parents were George and Nancy Trusler. He was one of a family of seven children. A brother Frank was also a doctor.

Dr. Trusler was a member of the first library board, member of the Yates Center school board and a member of the city council.

On October 17, 1899, Ora B. Trusler was married to Miss Anna E. Parsons. They lived most of their married life on West Mary Street. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 17, 1949.

Anna E. Parsons was born at Neosho Falls, Feb. 3, 1878. She was the daughter of Colonel W. L. and Jennie (Holloway) Parsons. They were pioneer settlers of Woodson County. Col Parsons was a member of the famous "Iron Brigade" during the Civil War. Col. Parsons was in the merchantile business in Chicago, when that city was destroyed by fire in 1871. He lost everything in that fire and came west to find a flour mill. He found that business in Neosho Falls, along the east side of the river.

Anna had a brother Sherill, They both attended school at Neosho Falls. Evidently graduated from the Yates Center High School where they graduated in 1895, and that fall enrolled at Kansas University in Lawrence.

Sherill was in very poor health and passed away in 1900 at home. Meanwhile the Parsons family had moved to Yates Center as Col. Parsons had been elected to the office of Probate Judge, for which he served two terms.

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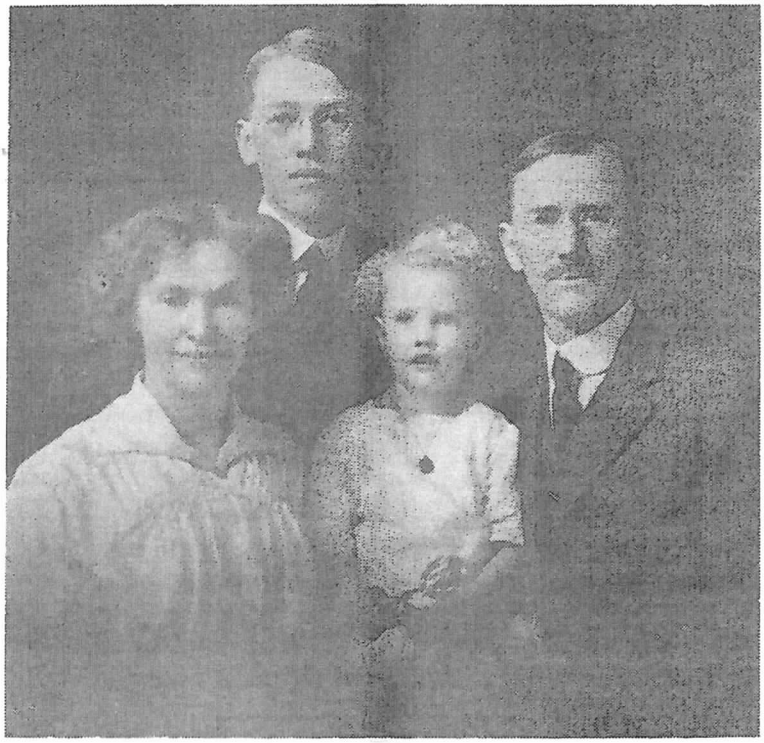
Mr. and Mrs. Trusler were the parents of two children, Harold Parsons Trusler and Jeanette.

Harold was born in Yates Center. In 1945 he was married to Irene Morris. They had no children. Harold passed away in March, 1974. He was a grain dealer and elevator operator at Emporia, and president of the Trusler Grain Co.



Family picture of Dr. O. B. Trusler

Sitting is Anna E., Jeanette and Dr. Trusler. Standing is Harold P. Trusler. This picture was taken around 1916.

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Jeanette was married to Walter J. Beine. They are the parents of three daughters, Ann Elizabeth, Melba Jean and Carol.

Ann Elizabeth married Merlin Schroeder. They have two children, Janna Lynne and Thomas Dean.

Melba Jean is not married and is a microbiolist at Ann Arbor Mich.

Carol married Dallas Hines. They have a daughter, Jennifer Leigh.

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Walter Beine was operator and owner of the Yates Center Elevator for quite a few years, before retiring.

Like the Dr. Trusler's, the Beine's have lived on West Mary St. all of their married life.

Anna Trusler daughter Jeanette and son Harold were all Charter members of the Woodson County Historical Society.

Dr. O. B. and Mrs. Anna Trusler - 1941

Walter J. and Jeanette Beine

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THE ORIGINAL LIBERTY TOWNSHIP —

As first laid out Liberty Township covered more than the northwest one fourth of Woodson County.

The boundry of Liberty was first surveyed in 1859. Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 19, Twp. 23, Range 16, south to the southeast corner of section 36, Twp, 24, R. 15, then west to the southeast corner Section 34, Twp. 24, R. 13, then north along county Greenwood count line to the northwest corner of Woodson County, then east along the Coffey County line to the place of beginning.

This made Liberty township 9 miles by 14 miles square.

Three and a half mills on the dollar was the tax levy for county purposes.

On June, 1859, there were 19 votes cast in Liberty Township.

In 1885, North Township was formed out of Liberty. North Township taking in the northwest corner of the county, being a few section larger than Liberty.

What is now North Township had only three farms in the township that taxes were paid in 1860.

DUTRO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54

We do not know exactly what year that this school was started but was not before 1876. Mrs. Margaret Ward Jones wrote at one time that she started to school at the Baldwin or Plelps School. Mrs. Hattie Shepard Holcomb went to Finney School about the same year, Shepards lived a mile west of Dutro, Wards a half mile north of Shepards.

While the Dutro schoolhouse was built on what is now US 75, seven miles north of Yates Center, it was also an old Indian trail that Indians used in going from their reservations in Northeast Kansas to the Indian Territory. Mrs. Margaret Jones wrote, "I can remember, I guess it was the Osage Indians, as they moved down to the Indian Territory, go past the Dutro schoolhouse in great droves, all on horseback. There was not much school as they were going by."

The name Dutro came from the George Dutro family that homesteaded across the road south of the schoolhouse.

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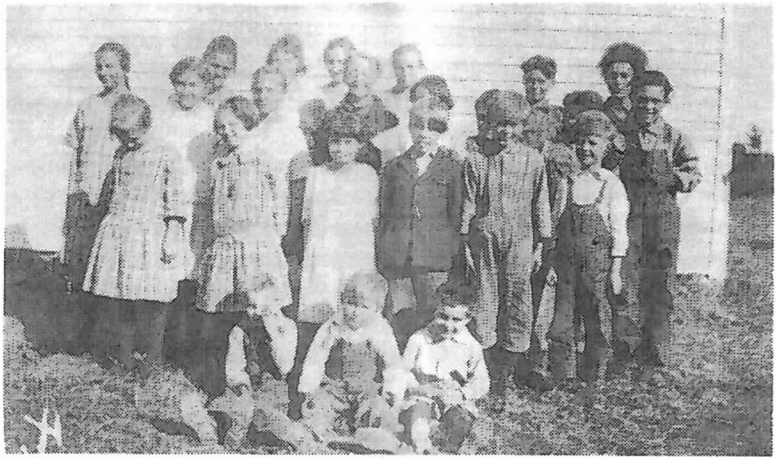
Teachers of Dutro School No. 54, from 1881 are as follows: Theresse Reed, M. P. Dutro, Nellie Stewart, M. J. Gregory, Mary Jones, M. P. Dutro, Anna Peterson, M. Bundy, D. L. Gregory, Lucy Ellis, A. K. Huckleberry, H. H. Harrison, Nella Smith, J. W. Metsker, Cecile Mason, Amanda Pittman, Lila Spencer, Fae Wharton, Edith Goff, Scott Spencer, Cecil Wood, Myrtle Morgon, Myra Andreas, Mildred Mason, Chester Old, Mary Gunnells, Grace McCormick, Susie Peake, Grace Smith, Lillian Pickering, 1922-23; Florence Toedman, Esther Reno, Clara Watkins, Lucille Adams, Mae Turner, Lorene Shepard, Helen Arnold, Bertie Swilley, Elizabeth Call, Katherine Thomas, Ruby Johnson, Dorothy Hadaway, Nora Hess, Letha Stockebrand, Elizabeth Clawson, 1945-48.

Lillian Linbaugh, Mrs. Frances Hatch, Helen Winterscheid, Ruby Carter, 2 terms, Doris Hamm, 2 terms, Mary Ann Watts, Nora Shepard, fall 1957 until the school was disbanded in spring of 1960, with the traditional last day school dinner.

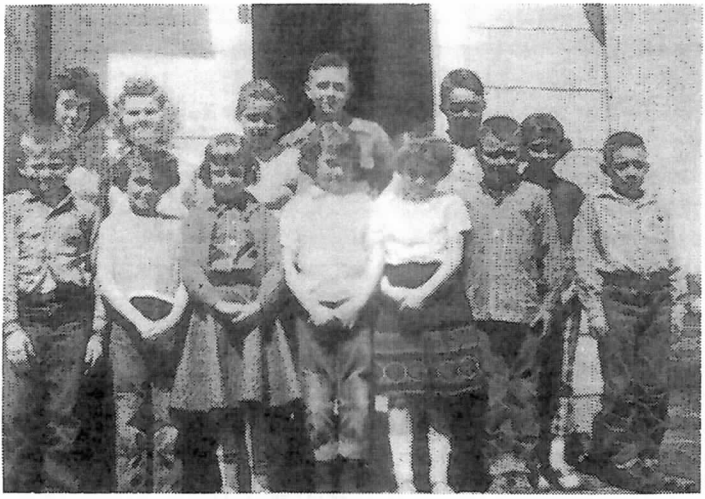
The schoolhouse stood idle until 1962, when it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald George, who remodeled the building and have added on to it for a residence.

Unlike most of the old rural schoolhouses it is still being used as a home. The board on the peak of the building stating that it was, Dutro School, District No. 54.

This wooden plaque is now at the Woodson County Historical Museum.



This picture of the Dutro School was taken during the term of 1922-23, Lillian Pickering, Pupils sitting, left to right; George Stewart, Herbert Shepard, (not known). First row standing; Cleo Stewart, Beatrice Stewart, (not known), Bud Briles, Guy Shepard, Raymond Simpson. Back rows, Orean Briles, Lorene Shepard, Nellie Steele, Ada Briles, Erma Briles, teacher, Roscoe Ricketts, Viola Briles, (not known), (not known), Lawrence Yoho, Willie Yoho, (not known) Oliver Stewart.



Last term at Dutro, 1959-60. Nora Shepard, teacher. Back row left to right: Judy Tedder, Reva Morris, Linda Rich, Dean Morris, Calvin Shepard, Karen Reker. Front row: Mike Tedder, Peggy Young, Cheryl Bauersfeld, Bonnie Young, Betty Shepard, Steve Weston, Dale Smith.

HENRY "HARRY" ASHLEY & FAMILY —

A man that had much to do with the construction work and stone work in Woodson County was an Englishman. Henry Ashley was born in Fordsham, Cheshire Co., England, June 14, 1846. His parents were Daniel and Isabella Ashley.

Henry or at times known as Harry led quite a varied and interesting life. He completed his college education at Chester, England at the age of fourteen, after which he entered the Ship Owner's Office at Liverpool and entered the sea service as an apprentice. His youth and young manhood was spent on the high seas, visiting the East Indies, China, Australia and South America. The latter part of his sea service was on the Great Lakes of our own country where he was made Captain of the vessel. His summers were spent on the lakes and the winters in his native land. He had made a complete circumnavigation of the globe.

In the spring of 1870, he again came to America with the intention of staying. He became a citizen of the United States, and headed for the west. In April of that year Henry with his brother Francis drove from Leavenworth over the unchartered plains to Woodson County.

In November 25, 1882, Henry Ashley purchased 80 acres along Cherry Creek from David Harris. This was in the southeast quarter of Section 9, Twp. 24, R. 16, for $480.00. This was not a rectangular 80 acres like most but run from the northeast corner to the southwest corner of the quarter section. The purpose of this was that parties having each 80 acres would have a corner touching water in Cherry Creek.

Henry Ashley and his brother had evidently lived nearby before he bought the land, as their home was known by the neighbors as "Bachelor's Quarters" and the most hospitable place around.

One of the settlers living nearby was Dr. O. J. Skinner, wife Sarah and daughters Julia, Jennie, Elgiva and Mary. Dr. Skinner and family came here in 1872 from Kentucky. Dr. Skinner was one of the eminent pioneer doctor's of Woodson County, homesteading in Everett township and later moving to Yates Center.

In 1881, Henry Ashley and Julia Skinner were married. They were the parents of eight children, three sons were Harry O., Harold R. and Francis S. The daughters were Mary Ellen, Francis C., Elizabeth, Jennie M. and Mildred G.

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In his business as a general contractor Henry Ashley helped in the excuvating and doing the stone work on the old Skinner Building on south side of the square, the old stone Commercial Bank Building, Woodson Hotel and several buildings. When the Verdigris Valley Railroad (now the Missouri Pacific) came in from Vernon and around

the west end of town, Ashley had the contract for the roadway. When the cut-off was made later through Durand, Ashley had contract for about the south third of that road. Ashley's mode of moving dirt was with wheeled scrapers pulled with three horses. Henry Ashley also owned one of the stone quarries for awhile.

Ashley built the first dam at the City Reservoir.

Wm. Cooper, who had a ranch four miles north of Yates Center, and for whom Cooper's Hill and Cooper's Cave were named, had known Ashley in England and had gone to Australia with him was also with him in some to the contracts around Yates Center.

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In 1884, just three years after the Ashley family moved to Yates Center, the town was incorporated as a third class city, on March 4, 1884. On March 21 the first election was held. At this election Harry Ashley was elected as the first mayor of Yates Center. Five years later Henry Ashley was elected as mayor. Harry and Henry were the same man. He had been brought up in the Episcopal Church and did much toward building the Episcopal Church and continuing of their services here in Yates Center.

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We will tell some of the children of Henry and Julia Ashley. Jennie or Janice married C. N. Blickensderfer; they live at Ridgeway, New Jersey.

Mildred G. married Wm. Hunt. They live at Dana Point, California.

Francis C., the only one to to England, married Harry Perryn and they lived at Camberly, England.

Elizabeth married Anthony Diebolt.

Harold Ashley lives at Sinclair, Wyoming.

Francis S., lives at San Clemente, California.

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Harry O. Ashley is the only one we will tell about at this time. Harry was the oldest boy and the fourth child of Henry and Julia Ashley, was born in Yates Center, January 27, 1891. Harry graduated from the Yates Center High School in 1909. After a year at Washburn University he transferred to Kansas State University where for three years he studied surveying and civil engineering. Harry left the university in 1913, when his father died, to take care of a failing mother and invalid sister.

This same year Harry was hired as County Engineer and Surveyor of Woodson County. He held this position for the next 24 years.

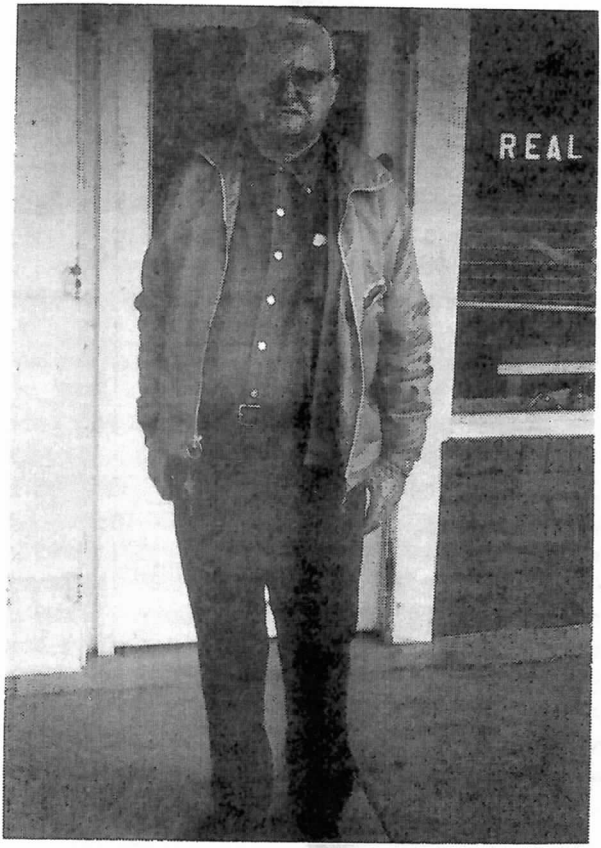
For many years Harry Ashley was a familiar figure on the square in Yates Center. Coming to his office on the east side of the square. He bought and sold houses and business places around town, and farms over the county. Harry was usually successful in his business dealings.

Harry O. Ashley was married to Iva Palmer on November 18, 1918. Iva was a daughter of A.F. Palmer, a pioneer County Superintendent of Woodson County. Also a school teacher and business man around town.

Harry was a life-long member of the Calvary Episcopal Church, in Yates Center, and did much to keep the church alive down through the years.

On June 1, 1966, Harry received his fifty-year pin as a member of Gilead Lodge No. 144 of the Masonic Order.

Harry passed away August 30, 1973.



Harry O. Ashley. Picture taken in from of his office.

-CLASS OF 1917, YATES CENTER HIGH SCHOOL HAS REUNION-

Seventeen of the class of 41 graduates of the Y.C.H.S. the largest number to graduate up to 1917, enjoyed their 60th reunion Sunday, May 29, 1977, with their spouses in the southeast dining room of the Woodson House.

Attending the 60th reunion of this class from out of town were Meryl Singleton, Manhattan; Charles Herder, Wichita; Thomas Lee, Independence; Leo Harris and wife, Toronto; May Henson Scheibmeir and husband, Piqua.

Those from out of the state attending were: Henry Beine and wife, Hatton, N.D.; Crystal Ibbetson Darst and husband, Artisia, N.M.; Wilma Alvis Preston and Husband, Bristow, Okla.; Ruth Toedman Ginger and husband, Kansas City, Mo.

Attending from Yates Center were: Lyman McCormick and wife, Hazel Mentzer Herold, Rita Jones Campbell, Hazel Sturdivan Stockebrand and husband, Frank Johnson, Marie Kay Ross, Esther Watts Shook, Elizabeth Harper Clawson and husband.

Wilma A. Preston presided as master of ceremonies. Letters were read from members unable to attend: Merril Campbell, Dorthea Barrier Clark, Ellen Warner Ferguson, Clarence Agnew (who died just two days later, May 31) Veva Jeffries Nettrouer, Henrietta McCormick Beanway, Annabell Agnew Hutchinson, Gladys Shannon O'Kelly, Faye Woodell Stevens.

Meryl Singleton conducted the memorial service in memory of the 14 deceased classmates. Marie Murphy Newman, Richard A. Beanway, Giles H. (June) Lamb, William Carroll, Dr. George Lee, Christine West Liptrap, Celia Davidson, William Fay Woodward, Helen Lewis Smith, Martha Krueger, Harold Trusler, Robert Watts, Clarence Dissinger, and Elsie Carter Simpson.

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This group held their first class reunion in 1967, which was their 50th. There were 21 classmates present with 40 present for the dinner.

Their next meeting was their 55 anniversary in 1972, with 19 classmates present and 32 present for the dinner.

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The class of 1917 is on the opposite page and we will try and give names in two rows at a time. Top left Elsie Carter, George Lee, Charles Herder, Hazel Sturdivan, Thomas Lee, Mae Henson, Leo Harris, Bill Carroll, Thelma Hale,. Next row: Faye Woodell, Myrl Singleton, Henry Beine, Marie Kay, Elizabeth Harper, Harold Trusler, Crystal Ibbetson, Wilma Alvis, Robert Watts, Martha Krueger, Annabelle Agnew. Next row: Clarence Agnew, Gladys Shannon, Richard Beanway, Clarence Dissinger, Henrietta McCormick, Marie

CLASS
1917

Murphy, Merle Campbell, Fay Woodward, Hazel Mentzer, Lyman McCormick. Next row: Esther Watts, Helen Lewis, Reta Jones, Ellen Warner, Giles (June) Lamb, Christine West, Frank Johnson, Viva Jeffries, Ruth Toedman, Celia Davidson, Dorothea Barrier.

The class of 1917, as they looked at the 60th class reunion, May 29, 1977. Front row, Hazel Mentzer Herold, Meryl Singleton, Marie Ross, Chrystal Darst, Wilma Preston. Row 2: Ruth Ginger, Esther Shook, May Scheibmeir. Row 3: Hazel Stockebrand, Elizabeth Clawson, Charles Herder. Row 4: Rita Campbell, Thomas Lee, Frank Johnson, Henry Beine, Lyman McCormick. Leo Harris was not present for the picture.

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH —

Around six miles south and nine miles east of Yates Center and one of the few remaining rural churches in this area and county.

It was sometime in September, 1896 that J. C. Brown, a former pastor from the Salem community southwest of Iola, conducted a three weeks revival meeting at the Maple Grove schoolhouse. As a result of this series of meetings a United Brethren class was organized consisting of the following members: H. E. Bradford, Irene Bradford, G. W. Furnee, Mrs. G. W. Furnee, Irene Harmon, Oliver Harmon, Emma Harmon, C. Henderson, Mrs. C. Henderson, Kate Totman, L.W. Jackson, Jennie Jackson, Cleo Jackson, Jesse Jackson, Effie Jackson. There were seven different denominations represented in the beginning of this church.

By the year 1900 the membership had grown to fifty-four. At this time C.B. Kirkpatrick was appointed pastor and during his ministry a church was planned. Up until this time church had been held in the Maple Grove schoolhouse. The church was built on the corner where it now stands in 1901. The year 1901 was very dry and such a poor crop that quite a few were discouraged and thought the church building should be postponed. But owing to the efforts of G. A. Laude and L. W. Jackson the plans and work was carried out and the building completed. L. W. Jackson donated an acre of land where the church now stands.

Edwin Cole and Wellington Jackson made the church pews. The church was completed in the spring of 1902 at a cost of approximately $1,000 and was dedicated in May of that year.

Owing to good weather the dedication of the Maple Grove United Brethren Church was largely attended. Seating room had been provided for 250 people which was fully occupied and all available standing room was at a premium. This shows what can be done when people are interested in religious work.

Rev. Veazel gave the dedicatory address and was assisted by the pastor Rev. Kirkpatrick, Rev. A. C. Landsberry of Girard, Rev. J. Brown and Rev. Funston of Iola.

The Maple Grove Church started as a United Brethren, changed to Evangelical U.B. and now is United Methodist.

Following is a list of ministers serving at this church down through the years. J. O. Brown, 1896-97; Rev. Bias, 1898; J. E. Griffin, 1899; C. B. Kirkpatrick, 1900-01; J. O. Brown, 1903-04; A. C. Landsberry, 1905; Mrs. Bowman, 1906; Rev. Sherel, 1908; B. F. Woods, 1909; Rev. Slocum, 1910; Rev. Huling, 1911. No minister for the next three years. Virgil Megill, 1913-14, W.V. Millikin, 1915; F. C. Burns, 1916; J. D. Stevens, 1918-19; Rev. "Daddy" Pens, 1920, J. L. Thompson, 1921-23, M. F. Longnecker, 1924; No minister for four years.

B. B. Christmore, 1929; G. W. Weidmeir, 1930; Clifford Nantz, 1933; E. A. Pauli, 1934-35-36; student preachers not listed. Paul Life, 1940; Robert Vance, 1942-43; Charles E. Scott, 1944; G. N. Halsey, 1945; Carl Mundinger, 1946; Harold Peck, 1947-48; John Habor, John Shike, A. H. Harnish, 1953-54-55; E. L. Enyart, 1956; John Coover, 1958; — —, Jack Mathis, 1963-64, Clarence Borchers, 1965-66-67-68; Gerald Sharp, 68; Kerry M. Lawrence, 1969, Ron Tarlton, '69; Dubois Pettit, 1970; Vernon Cravens and James Howard, 1971; Vernon Schmid, 1972; Melvin Owen, 1973 to present time.

The Sunday School Superintendents may not be complete, but are as follows: Ed Houghton, Bert Reed, Ella B. Cole, Lewis Choguill, Walter Toland, Herbert Laude, David Cole, Edwin Cole, Ella M. Cole, Myrtle Ridell, Rose Baum, Lemmon Cole, Jesse Jackson, 1946, Charles Baum, Elbert Bradford, Noel Jackson, Omer Stoll, 1959, Kenneth Reed, Bennet Herder, Lee Wolff, Albert Jessup, Kenneth Herder, Mamie Gray, Gerald Barney, Calvin Leonard, Lawrence Barr, present superintendent.

Maple Grove UMC as it looks today. The new doors and other improvements were dedicated at the 75th anniversary of the church building, July 18, 1976.

W. J. HAUGHAWOUT —

Two brothers came to Neosho Falls in November, 1857, they were W. J. and O. P. Haughawout, and both had much to do with the first happenings and proceedings of Woodson County. We will take up the life of W. J. Haughawout in this article.

W. J. was born in Northcumberland Co., Penn., in Dec. 1833. When 20 years old he moved to Iowa, and later to Woodson County in 1857. He worked in the saw and grist mill of N. S. Goss for three or four years. This mill was on the east or north side of the river. When the Civil War broke out he became an Ensign in the Home Guards, for six months they fought Indians and guerillas. In October 1861 he enlisted in Co. F, 9th Kans. Volunteer Cavalry. Later he transferred to Co. K, going to rank of 2nd Lieut. March 1863, and to rank of Captain October 1864. Haughawout commanded the advance guard of Col. Plumb's force in pursuit of Quantrell after the massacre at Lawrence. He returned to Neosho Falls in June, 1865.

In the first election in Woodson County in 1858, W. J. was elected as the first Treasurer of the county. In the two years that he was treasurer only $10.00 came into his treasury.

This money came from a man called "Bully" Smith who had been on a prolonged spree came into the little settlement on the Neosho looking for trouble. Being rather well known as a desperate character, no one would come out and accommodate him in a fight. So he began to walk back and forth in front of the office of N. S. Goss pouring out a torrent of abuse that not fit to be printed. Getting madder by no one paying any attention to him and being ignored he picked up a rock and threw it through the window, hitting Goss, who was sitting just inside. Goss came out immediately and before Smith fairly well knew what was happening a writ had been sworn out before Judge D. H. Miller, a justice of the peace and Sheriff Leonard Fuqua had gathered in the man that boasted that no man could take him alive. Judge Miller fined Smith $10.00 who paid his fine with a gold coin and promising never to come back to Neosho Falls.

The coin was transferred to County Teasurer, W. J. Haughawout who placed it in his pocket which was the only county safe for several months. This was the first money that came into the official possession of the treasurer of Woodson Co.

In March, 1869, W. J. was married to Miss Ada Crane at Neosho Falls. They had one daughter Laura C. Ada Crane had come to Woodson County in 1859, with her parents Judge and Julia Crane, who had come here from Wisconsin.

Also in 1869, W. J. was appointed by the Land Commission of the M.K. & T. Railroad to appraise their lands of 1,300,000 acres, and the following year was appointed agent for the sale of these lands. His brother O. P. Haughawout was appointed to assist him in this appraisal and sales.

In June 1882, in company with C. H. Goodrich, W. J. Haughawout established a private bank known as the Neosho Falls Bank. They did general banking for several years before W. J. left the organization.

Soldiers' Day at Corwin's

This picture was taken at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corwin near Vernon. The people in the picture standing left to right are: Mr. Corwin, Estes Vest, Jud Corwin, Miss Ralston, Mrs. Alex Daub, Alex Daub, Mrs. Smith, Levi Smith, Mrs. Vest, John Vest, Mrs. Sam Richards. Seated are: Mrs. Corwin, Silas Strunk, Mrs. Strunk, Thomas Richards, Miss Powell, Ada Richards, Olive Richards, Sam Richards.

As indicated in the caption, this was Soldiers' Day, an annual event for the Civil War veterans around Vernon. The Civil War veterans in the picture were: Corwin, Strunk, Vest and Smith. Others in picture were relatives and neighbors. Other veterans that would meet with was a Mr. Bennett, who lived in the Vernon Community and John Prutzman.

The calendar on the wall showed that it was in April, 1912.

THE KARL WEIDE FAMILY —

We have written that there were five Weide brothers that came to America from Germany. We have reason to believe that there were more than five. Karl Weide and family were among the last of that group.

The original passport for this family to come to America was written in German and later translated in English. It is interesting to note the names of each one of the children. Most of them dropped at least one name after living in America awhile.

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Passport to America

August 2, 1870

The undersigned King's government bears witness hereby that the sheep foreman, Johann Karl Friedrick Weide, born in Nohra, State of Nordhausen on Feb. 29, 1824 at his own request emigrates to the United States of North America and also his wife Wilhemina Jagermann Weide and children.

Karl Ernest Friedrick	Born	Nov. 29, 1854
Karl Heinrick	Born	May 24, 1857
Karl Friedrick Theodore	Born	Sept. 14, 1859
August Julius	Born	Aug. 18, 1862
Louis Wilhelm Gustav	Born	Jan. 27, 1865
Friedrick Wilhelm Gottfried	Born	Sept. 23, 1867

The permission to leave the Prussian citizenship is grant.

This certificate of permission is valid only for the herein named persons.

With the issuing of this certificate Prussian Citizenship terminates.

King's Prussian Government
D. Vrodge

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The Weide family coming to America and direct to Woodson County where his brother Godfried live on Turkey Creek. For some reason Karl Weide did not get a patent for the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and the N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 5, Twp. 24, R. 15, until May 5, 1883. It was issued to the M.K. & T. Railroad, who sold it to Charles Weide for $1,000 on May 11, 1870.

The father seemed to have dropped the names of Johann and Friedrick and went by the name of Karl and later it was spelled Carl. Karl Ernest Friedrick, went mostly by the name of Fritz in later years.

Karl Heinrick went by the name Henry, Karl Friedrick Theodor was changed to Charles Theodore or C. T. The name August Julius was not changed.

Louis Wilhelm Gustav went by name of Gustave and Friedrick Wilhelm Gottfried was William. Later nicknamed "Little Billy".

Each of these six brothers married and settled on farms of their own in Woodson County.

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Like many other farms along Turkey Creek the farm that Karl Weide obtained had been settled on possible in the later 1850's and early 1860's, but whoever built the log cabin on the farm evidently did not stay to file on it. However as the Weide family arrived here they could not move into the log cabin on the claim as Wm. B. Butler and wife with their sons, George and Charley Butler were already living there until they could get a cabin built on their claim about two miles to the northwest.

The Karl Weide family, all eight of them moved into the small rock house on the farm of his brother Gottfried.

A two story frame house was later built and the farm and other buildings added as the farm was developed into a sheep farm. On the Passport, Karl Weide was listed as a sheep foreman, and had come to America to have his own sheep farm. As they prospered more land was added to the farm. The original farm was situated with both Turkey Creek and Jordan Creek running through it.

At one time the Karl Weide family were handling 1200 head of sheep. Sheep shearing time was almost like a party. As high as 14 shearers would be working at the same time. While they would have their kegs of beer, no one was allowed to get too much. At one shearing Karl Weide took seven wagon loads of wool to Burlington. The wool brought $2,800. As he was paid in cash the total amount was put in a cigar box. Karl Weide carried it under his arm around Burlington and in the wagon coming home.

One of the reasons that the Weide's purchased so much land was on account of the sheep or the neighbors dislike for the sheep. They could not rent enough pasture for the sheep.

Usually the sheep were herded to the north and west of the farm headquarters. In going there they would have to be taken across Jordan. At times a heavy rain storm would come up and Jordan would get out of its banks. The sheep were not driven, but 2 or 3 leaders were named and would come as their names were called and the rest of the flock would follow. When they were forced to swim Jordon the leaders took the lead and the flock swam the stream. Some of the Weide boys would get below the crossing and would catch the small lambs as they were washed down stream.

Karl Weide is known as the founder of the Turkey Creek Church as the first religious class known as the Turkey Creek Evangelical class was organized at the Karl Weide home. He and his wife, Wilhemina, and two or three of their sons were charter members. That was 1876. For many years following members of this family and their families were faithful members of this church. Because of their emotional outbursts at Revival and camp meetings they were known as the "shouting Weide's."

Karl or sometimes known as Carl is buried in the Turkey Creek Cemetery, as is his wife. She was known by relatives as "Aunt Cookie", because of her homemade cookies.

We will probably not have a complete list of the families of the six Weide brothers, but will try and give them.

Ernest Friedrick, better known as Fritz married Mary Schreiber. Their children were: Rudolph, Anna and Fred. This family lived in the Cedar Creek vicinity. Rudolph married Fannie Smith; Anna married Albert Gray and Fred married Ellen Gentry.

Heindrick or Henry married Justine Toedman. Their home was along West Owl Creek, where their children were all raised. Their children were: Pauline, Henry Karl, (H. K.) Matilda, Wesley and Louis. Pauline never married, Henry Karl married Fern Story, Matilda married John McMullen, Wesley married Anna Fell, Louis married ----Henning. Charles, Carl or C. T. Weide married Ida May Troyer. Their children were: Ira, Ernest, Pearl, Orlando, Max, Rolland and Thelma. They made their home over on Cedar Creek, where they helped organize the Cedar Creek Evangelical Church. The church was built on their farm. Ira married Lucy Althouse, Ernest married Angie Gentry, Pearl married Charles Opperman, Orlando married Sylvia Althouse, Max married Christine Gouchie, Rolland married -- Sweet, Thelma married John Heath.

August married Anna Metzker. They adopted two children and made their home on the old Weide homestead on Turkey Creek. August and Anna are both buried in the Turkey Creek Cemetery.

Gustave married Louisa Stockebrand. They lived for years along Jordan Creek on a part of the Weide farm. Their children were, Minnie, Anna and Enoch. Minnie married Louis Kolb, Anna married Russell Anderson, and Enoch married Helen Linck.

William married Mary Stockebrand. They also lived on a part of the old Weide farm. This farm is still in the Weide family. Their children were, Carl Edmond, Paul, Elsie, Hilda, Erma and Wilmer G., Carl married Flossie Marlin, Paul married Marjorie Mentzer, Elsie married Thomas Alley, Hilda married Roy Murry, Erma married Philip Stotz, Wilmer married Owena Newsom.

Paul and Marjorie had two children, Elaine and Paul E. Weide, Jr. None of the others in this family have any children.

SPAUGY DITCH —

This ditch or at present quite a stream has been spelled Spogy in some of our writings, is all that remains of the name of one of the early pioneers, who settled in the lowlands two miles north and a half west of Neosho Falls.

We do not know much about Jacob Spaugy except that he and his wife Susan had a large family. In 1863 Spaugy purchased the northwest quarter of section 20, Twp. 23, R. 17. Until later years this quarter section of land like most of the surrounding area was almost a swamp. It was land that overflowed from the Neosho River, and water coming from the northwest and was too flat to drain properly.

Sometime after Spaugy obtained this land, he took his yoke of oxen and a breaking plow and going to the northwest corner of his claim he plowed a furrow straight south down his west line to the old river bed, around it and on south to the river. From the point of beginning Spaugy plowed a furrow in a straight line northwest for about a half mile into Coffey County. Here a small stream came from the north and west and for the lack of a place to go made a horseshoe bend and turned back north. Spaugy plowed to about the center of the horseshoe bend.

Now about 113 years later Spaugy's Ditch is a fair sized stream. Where it crosses the road the half mile south of the county line the stream is about 20 feet wide and about half that deep. This stream still is known as Spaugy's Ditch and the only man-made stream in the county.

Jacob and Susan Spaugy were the parents of seven children, Emmanuel, Hannah, Emma, Mary, Sarah, Ida and Jackson.

Sometime in 1865, Jacob Spaugy died, leaving the farm to Susan and the children. On July 2, 1868, Susan (nah) Spaugy was married to Samuel L. Frankenbery, at LeRoy, Kans. Frankenbery had two sons Enos and Samuel, both of school age.

We have reason to believe that the Spaugy children all moved to the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, as the 1870 census just lists the names of Samuel Frankenbery, age 52; Susan, 40; Samuel, 16; Enos, 14, and a five month old daughter Susan.

Not very long after this, we believe that Samuel and Susan Frankenbery and the children mentioned in the census all moved to the Indian Territory. However they kept the farm until around 1882, when W. H. Slavens purchased it.

Also by this time all of the Spaugy children were deceased except Jackson. Mary had married Wm. P. Furnell in Paul's Valley, Chickashaw Nation, in December, 1876.

Jackson Spaugy, Samuel Frankenbery, husband of Susan Frankenbery of Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, sold all of their interest in the farm north of Neosho Falls for the sum of $300, September 19, 1882.

"However owing to sickness and the distance the grantor's Jackson Spaugy, Susan and Samuel Frankenbery were unable to appear before an officer to acknowledge that W. H. Slavens was the subscribing witness."

PATRONS OF WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

Brown's Western Auto
Milton & Virginia Schornick
Kenneth & Barbara Stockebrand
John V. Glades Agency
Woodson Co. Co-op
Street Abstract Co. Inc.
State Exchange Bank
Self Service Grocery
Krueger's
Hi-way Food Basket
Bill Herman
Piqua Farmer's Co-op
Gaulding Oil Co.
Donald E. Ward
Morton Equipment Co.
Swope & Son Implement Co.
Campbell Plumbing & Electric
Clyde Hill
Cantrell Pontiac-Buick
Paul C. Laidlaw
Rogers Bros. Garage
Newtex Manufacturing Co.
J. C. Schnell
W. D. Smith & Son Furniture
Superior Building Supply, Inc.
Glen Shaw
Pringle Ranch, J.W. & J. Richards
Herring Hardware & Supply
Edwin G. Reid, St. Louis, Mo.
Rex Butler, Nashville, Tenn.
J & W Manufacturing Co.
Kimbell Ranch-Ed Kimbell
Woody's Cafe
Edwin H. Bideau Associate Agencies-Chanute
First National Bank-Toronto
Blackjack Cattle Co. Inc.
Yates Center Elevator
Wilma Mark
Jasper's Shopping Spot
Bill Taylor-Gen. Agent Woodson Co. Farm Bureau
Atkin Clinic
Daly Western Supply
Pyeatte-Jaynes Ins. Agency
Dyer Chevrolet
Linde Barber Shop
House of Fabrics
Milton & Marcella Wrampe
E. E. Light
Adkin Rexall Pharmacy
Gambles Friendly Store
Campbell Funeral Home
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Baker
Piqua State Bank
Wendall McMurry
Everybody's Grocery
McGinty-Coffman Dept. Store
Al's Jewelry